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The Honorable Ron Wyden United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden,

On behalf of the Software & Information Industry Association (SIA), thank you for introducing the Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act. I applaud your leadership in taking this important step to permanently extend the moratorium on Internet access taxes and discriminatory electronic commerce taxation.

Recognizing the power of the Internet as a valuable information resource, SIIA has always believed that access to the Internet should not be taxed. Additionally, discriminatory tax policies still pose a significant challenge to growth of the digital marketplace. The Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act will encourage continued growth of the digital marketplace by permanently banning and multiple and discriminatory Internet taxes and taxes on Internet Access.

As the principal trade association of the software code and digital information industry, the 650 members of SIIA develop and market software and electronic content for business, education, consumers and the Internet. SIIA's members are software companies, e-businesses, and information service companies, as well as many electronic commerce companies.

Again, thank you for your continued efforts to see that access to the Internet is not taxed and to make sure that electronic commerce is free from multiple and discriminatory taxation. We look forward to working with you to help advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

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